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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NSC PLANNING BOARD

SUBJECT: Security Requirements for Government Employment

- REFERENCES:
- a) Memo for Budget Bureau Representative from Special Assistant to the President, October 4, 1955, same subject.
  - b) PB Record of Meeting of September 19, 1955.
  - c) Memo for NSC of August 22, 1955, same subject.
  - d) NSC Action 1368, March 31, 1955.
  - e) Record of Action of Cabinet meeting, January 7, 1955, same subject.
  - f) NSC Action 791, May 20, 1953.

The Fourth Report of the Civil Service Commission on the above subject contains the following recommendation:

"A. That the Personnel Security Advisory Committee, now conducting its coordinating function on an informal and unofficial basis in the Executive Office of the President, be formally established and thereby given public recognition."

In a memorandum of October 4, 1955, the Special Assistant to the President suggested that:

"To facilitate Planning Board consideration...(of the above recommendation)..., it is suggested that the Bureau of the Budget, in collaboration with the Department of Justice and the Civil Service Commission, furnish advice and comments relative to the advantages and disadvantages of formally establishing an advisory committee on the subject in the Executive Office of the President. In line with the Planning Board Record of Action, dated September 19, 1955, it is suggested that the Budget Bureau advise as to funding, organizational, and related implications involved in such 'formal establishment'".

This memorandum has been prepared jointly by staff of the three agencies. This is not to be taken as an indication that the agencies subscribe to all the views expressed therein.

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The Staff Memorandum contains a number of judgments concerning the feasibility of various methods of accomplishing the desired objectives, i.e., by Executive order, administrative action, or otherwise. The group wishes to point out that these questions can only be determined with precision following the usual formal clearance, including legal, of a matured proposal.

The group points out the important interrelationship between the subject proposal and the recent establishment by law of the Commission on Government Security. The problem of this interrelationship may be one of the most important aspects of the proposal which the Planning Board should consider.

/s/ G. F. Schwarzwald

Representative of the Bureau of the Budget

/s/ William F. Tompkins, Jr.

Representative of the Department of Justice

/s/ Joseph E. Winslow

Representative of the Chairman of the Civil  
Service Commission

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